REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and the objection of claims 24, 25 and 30-32 are respectfully requested. Applicant has attempted to address every objection in the Office Action dated April 28, 2009 (Paper No. 20090423) and believes the application is now in condition for allowance. The claims have been amended to more clearly describe the present invention.

In the Action, the Examiner states that the phrase "said separation devices" in line 2 of claims 24, 25 and 30-32 and the phrase "said components" in line 2 of claim 28 lacks a prior antecedent basis. Applicant amended claims 24 and 25 to change the phrase "said separation devices" to "said at least one first separation device" and also amended claims 30-32 to change the phrase "said separation devices" to "said at least one separation device." Applicant submits that the amendments to claims 24, 25 and 30-32 correct the antecedent basis issues in these claims.

Additionally, the Examiner states that the phrase "said components" in claim 28, line 2 lacks a prior antecedent basis. Applicant amended claim 28 to change the phrase "said components" to be "the at least one refined milk component" to correct the antecedent basis issue in claim 28.

Applicant submits that in view of the above-identified amendments and remarks, the claims in their present form are patentably distinct over the art of record and in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner discover there are remaining issues which

may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's

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